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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **RIGID SUPPORT MEMBER FOR PACKS, BAGS AND OTHER ARTICLES**, the specification of which:

X is attached hereto;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

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